

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A method for generating a premium for an option, comprising:
 - providing the average volatility of the asset by employing historical or market data;
 - providing the volatility of volatility of the asset by employing historical data;
 - providing the type of distribution for the forward rate based on historical data;
 - providing a volatility distribution graph based on the selected distribution type, the graph having volatility as the x-axis and probability as the y-axis;
 - dividing the volatility distribution graph into a plurality of vertical slices, each of said slices corresponding to a volatility, whereby the integration of the graph over the volatility range corresponding to each slice provides a probability for the corresponding volatility;
 - determining an option premium for each volatility by employing a volatility premium process;
 - weighing each premium from said determining of premium step by the probability associated with the corresponding volatility as determined from the volatility distribution graph; and
 - summing all premiums associated with the volatilities to provide a premium for the option.

2. The method of Claim 1, wherein the volatility premium process used to determine the stochastic volatility premium is the Q-model value of a call option on rate r with forward

value \bar{r} , strike k, expiration time t, and annualized volatility σ is given by the following formula:

$$BSQ(\bar{r}, c, \sigma, t) = \bar{r} \frac{1}{q} \cdot \Phi(d_1) + \bar{r}(1 - \frac{1}{q} - \tilde{k}) \cdot \Phi(d_2)$$

where Φ is the normal cumulative inverse function and

$$\tilde{k} = k / \bar{r}$$

$$\tilde{x} = -\frac{1}{q} \ln[(\tilde{k} - 1)q + 1] / (\sigma \sqrt{t})$$

$$d_1 = \tilde{x} + \frac{1}{2} q \sigma \sqrt{t}$$

$$d_2 = \tilde{x} - \frac{1}{2} q \sigma \sqrt{t}$$

3. The method of Claim 1, further comprising performing an inverse Black procedure to determine the conventional market implied volatility for a strike rate that is different from the forward rate.